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15.	Bye-elections to the Lok Sabha 1994	1	-
16.	Bye-elections to the Bihar Legislative Assembly, 1996	1	-
17.	Bye-elections to the Legislative Council - 1991	-	-
18.	Biennial elections to the Legislative Council - 1996	4	-

Pollution by Lai Matia Mine, Bihar

3140. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the level of air and noise pollution in Lal Matia Mine at Bihar is increasing due to mining operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the pollution level of potable water of that area is also increasing and no monthly test to check the pollution level of potable water has been conducted for many years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the pollution caused by this mining operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Air and noise pollition levels in Lalmatiya mine under Rajmahal project of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. in Bihar are within permissible limits laid down by the statute.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

(c) and (d) Pollution level of potable water in Rajmahal area is not increasing. Water samples are collected and analysed once in a quarter as per the conditions prescribed in the Environment Management Plan (EMP) as approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. All parameters are within permissible limits laid down by the statute. Water Quality Reports are being analysed by Government approved agencies i.e. Asansol Mines Board of Health and RI-I, CMPDI.

Steps being taken to maintain air, water and noise pollution within permissible limits include:

(i) Coal Handling Plants and Haul roads are provided with water spraying systems to suppress the dust;

(ii) air analysis is made to find the level of suspended particulate matter in air;

(iii) Large scale afforestation in and around the mines and creation of green belt between mining complex and residential colonies;

(iv) Effluent discharge from residential complex are discharged into a soak pit. Water samples are regularly drawn from three selected sites in each quarter and analysed; and

(v) Regular noise survey is made.

[English]

Non-Bailable Warrants

3141. SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-bailable warrants issued by the Delhi Courts during 1996;

(b) the number of arrests made consequent to the issue of non-bailable warrants; and

(c) the number of cases in which the Higher Courts granted stay orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Number of non-bailable warrants issued by the Delhi Courts during 1996—34477 (till 15.11.1996).

(b) Number of arrests made consequnt to the issue of non-bailable warrants—8299 (till 15.11.1996).

(c) Number of cases in which the Higher Courts granted stay orders—324.

[Translation]

Trade of Foreign Exchange

3142. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have unearthed the illegal trade of Foreign Exchange in Maharashtra during the last three years till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such cases which came to light and the amount of foreign exchange seized in them; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the illegal trade of Foreign Exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Details of cases of illegal trading of foreign exchange, unearthed in Maharashtra during the year 1995 to 1997 (upto Feb.) and foreign exchange seized therein, are as under:-